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REMARKS

This is responsive to the Examiner's Interview on March 13, 2002 Applicant hereby clarifies Claim 20. The specific changes to the amended claim are shown on a separate page attached hereto and entitled VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE, which follows the signature page of this Response. On this page, any insertions are underlined while any [deletions are in brackets].

A clean copy of the pending claims is attached hereto on a separate set of pages and entitled CLEAN COPY OF PENDING CLAIMS, which also follows the signature page of this Response.

Applicant would like to thank Examiner Mitchell for the telephonic interview extended to Applicant's counsel of record, John R. King, on March 13, 2002. Accordingly, Applicant has amended Claim 20 to clarify the language of the claim. Thus, it is believed that Claims 20-24, 26, 27, 29 and 30 are patentably distinguished over the cited references and Applicant respectfully requests allowance of Claims 20-24, 26, 27, 29 and 30.

CONCLUSION

In view of the forgoing, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested. If further issues remain to be resolved, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned such that any remaining issues may be promptly resolved. Also, please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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VERSION WITH MARKING TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

20. (Twice Amended) An assembly, comprising:

a film including a plurality of substrate units with each of said plurality of substrate units being adapted to electrically interface with a corresponding die, each one of said plurality of substrate units being generally defined on said film between a pair of flanking slots wherein each flanking slot in the film extends such that it is in contact with a side rail of a carrier and that said slot is placed only in the area where the assembly is to be cut; and that said

a-carrier is in mechanical communication with said film for providing enhanced rigidity to said film by being sized and configured to add material at selected regions of said film.